GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF HELICOPTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to procure helicopter from Britain;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its cost;

(c) whether the Britain has agreed to provide spare parts of Sea King Harrier helicopters;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in the supply of the said spare parts; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal at present to procure helicopters from Britain.

(c) to (e): The British supplier has applied for restoration of licenses from the original designer/firms in the USA.The Government of India has also taken up the matter with the US Government. Once the licenses are reinstated, the supply of spares will commence.